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From: Allegrone, Kathleen H
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2005 10:04 AM
To: Pekala, Mark A; Graffy, Colleen P
Subject: Spanish -- MFA Communique on the CIA planes/DCM mentioned

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From: Clements, Gary A
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2005 9:30 AM
To: Allegrone, Kathleen H
Cc: EUR-WE-Spain-DL
Subject: FW: MFA Communique on the CIA planes/DCM mentioned

Kathy,
I have calls in to post [redacted] B5
[redacted] A question to
Adam Ereli last week from a reporter [redacted]
[redacted]
Gary

From: Hall, Morgan C
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2005 1:31 PM
To: Manzanares, Bob; Allegrone, Kathleen H; Propp, Kenneth R; Terrill, Damon A; EUR-WE-Spain-DL
Cc: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Zuniga, Ricardo F; Keener, Geraldine F
Subject: RE: MFA Communique on the CIA planes/DCM mentioned

Here is a quick translation of the Spanish MFA Communique issued yesterday:

Government of Spain Official Statement

Wednesday, 16 of November 2005

With regard to the news that has appeared in recent days concerning the possible use of Spanish airports for the transfer of prisoners or detainees in international flights, the Government communicates the following:

1. - The Government has asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs to appear before the Congress of Deputies to provide a detailed report on all aspects related to this subject.

2. - In March of this year, after the appearance of the news in some media outlets, the Director General of Foreign Policy for Europe and North America, Jose Pons, asked the Charge d'Affaires of the United States in Madrid, Mr. Manzanares, for all the information that the U.S. Embassy could provide.

3. - Mr. Manzanares, after carrying out the appropriate consultations, informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that he was aware of no aerial transfers of prisoners.

4. - Today, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has raised the issue again with the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and the Assistant Secretary of that Bureau has reconfirmed what was stated in March.

From: Manzanares, Bob(Madrid)
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-----Original Message-----
From: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2005 2:18 PM
To: Diaz, Irene X; Zuniga, Ricardo F; Allison, Robert S; Tachco, Amy N; Manzanares, Bob; Law, John; Shumake, Josie S

Subject: MFA Communique on the CIA planes/DCM mentioned

Thanks Irene. Bob -- Here is the text of MFA statement.

-----Original Message-----
From: Diaz, Irene X
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2005 1:50 PM
To: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Zuniga, Ricardo F; Allison, Robert S; Tachco, Amy N
Subject: CIA Planes
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The following is the official communiqué issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs re the CIA planes

Comunicado del Gobierno

miércoles, 16 de noviembre de 2005

En relación con las noticias aparecidas estos días sobre la posible utilización de aeropuertos españoles para el traslado de presos o detenidos en vuelos internacionales, el Gobierno comunica lo siguiente:

1.- El Gobierno ha solicitado la comparecencia, a petición propia, del Ministro de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación en el Congreso de los Diputados para informar con detalle de todos los extremos relacionados con este asunto.

2.- En el mes de marzo de este año, y tras las primeras noticias difundidas por algún medio de comunicación, el Director General de Política Exterior para Europa y América del Norte, José Pons, solicitó, a través del Encargado de Negocios de Estados Unidos en Madrid, señor Manzanares, toda la información de la que dispusiese la embajada norteamericana.

3.- El Encargado de Negocios de Estados Unidos, señor Manzanares, tras efectuar las oportunas consultas, informó al Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación de que no tenía constancia alguna de posibles traslados aéreos de detenidos.

4.- En el día de hoy, el Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación ha vuelto a dirigirse a la Dirección General para Asuntos de Europa y Eurasia del Departamento de Estado Norteamericano para interesarse nuevamente por el Asunto y el Director General del citado departamento ha vuelto a confirmar todos los extremos expuestos en el mes de marzo.

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